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Memorandum

To:

THE COMMISSION

From: Brian H. Lehman, Supervisor Railroad Safety

Date: May 21, 2008

Re:

Explanatory Supplement for the 2008 Grade Crossing Array

Docket No. RR-00000E-08-0021

### 2008 ACC Array Projects

### **Alma School Road**

Alma School Road (#741-650B, R.R. Milepost 920.5) is a six lane, north – south arterial roadway which crosses the Union Pacific's tracks in the City of Mesa (see attached map). Currently, there are median and curb-side automatic gate arms, flashing light and bells. The proposed upgrades for cantilevers and 12 inch LED flashing lights are a result of deficient flashing light coverage for all 6 lanes of traffic. Due to the roadway speed (posted 45 mph) the proposed cantilevers will offer increased visibility of the warning devices as motorists approach the crossing. The proposed cantilevers will be placed in the roadway medians in order to provide maximum lane coverage. The estimated cost for this project is \$350,000.00.

#### **Dobson Road**

Dobson Road (741-649G, R.R. Milepost 919.40) is a six lane, north – south arterial roadway which crosses the Union Pacific's tracks in the City of Mesa (see attached map). Currently, there are curb-side automatic gate arms, flashing lights and bells. The proposed upgrades for cantilevers and 12 inch LED flashing lights are a result of deficient flashing light coverage for all 6 lanes of traffic. Due to the roadway speed (posted 40 mph) the proposed cantilevers will offer increased visibility of the warning devices as motorists approach the crossing. The proposed cantilevers will be placed in the roadway medians in order to provide maximum lane coverage. The estimated cost for this project is \$350,000.00.

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#### **Broadway Road**

Broadway Road (741-565L, R.R. Milepost 915.83) is a six lane, east—west arterial roadway which crosses the Union Pacific's tracks in the City of Tempe (see attached map). Currently, there are curb-side automatic gate arms, cantilevers with flashing lights and bells. The proposed upgrades for longer cantilevers and 12 inch LED flashing lights are a result of deficient flashing light coverage for all 6 lanes of traffic. Due to the roadway speed (posted 40 mph) the proposed cantilevers will offer increased visibility of the warning devices as motorists approach the crossing. The proposed cantilevers will be placed at curb-side, which will provide maximum lane coverage. The estimated cost for this project is \$350,000.00.

# 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Thirty-Fifth Avenue (741-448R, Milepost 902.70) is a five lane (3 northbound and 2 southbound) roadway which crosses Union Pacific's tracks in the City of Phoenix (see attached map). Currently, there are curb-side automatic gate arms, cantilevers with flashing lights and bells. The proposed upgrades for longer cantilevers and 12 inch LED flashing lights are a result of deficient flashing light coverage for all 5 lanes of traffic. Due to the roadway speed (posted 40 mph) the proposed cantilevers will offer increased visibility of the warning devices as motorists approach the crossing. The proposed cantilevers will be placed at curb-side, which will provide maximum lane coverage. The estimated cost for this project is \$185,000.00.

# 107th Avenue

One Hundred Seventh Avenue (741-800G, R.R. Milepost 893.51) is a five lane (2 northbound and 3 southbound) roadway which crosses Union Pacific's tracks in the City of Avondale (see attached map). Maricopa County is the road authority at this crossing. Currently, there are curb-side automatic gate arms, flashing lights and bells. The proposed upgrades are for a cantilever with 12 inch LED flashing lights for southbound traffic. These proposed upgrades are a result of deficient flashing light coverage for the 3 southbound lanes of traffic. Due to the roadway speed (posted 35 mph) the proposed cantilevers will offer increased visibility of the warning devices as motorists approach the crossing. The proposed cantilever will be placed at curb-side, which will provide maximum lane coverage. The estimated cost for this project is \$185,000.00.

# 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue

One Hundred Fifthteenth Avenue (741-799P, R.R. Milepost 892.55) is a five lane (2 northbound and 3 southbound) roadway that crosses Union Pacific's tracks in the City of Avondale (see attached map). The City of Avondale is the road authority at this crossing. Currently, there are curb-side automatic gate arms, flashing lights and bells. The proposed upgrades are for a cantilever with 12 inch LED flashing lights for southbound traffic. These proposed upgrades are a result of deficient flashing light coverage for the 3 southbound lanes of traffic. Due to the roadway speed (posted 35 mph) the proposed

cantilevers will offer increased visibility of the warning devices as motorists approach the crossing. The proposed cantilever will be placed at curb-side, which will provide maximum lane coverage. The estimated cost for this project is \$185,000.00.

### Verde Ranch Road

Verde Ranch Road (025-327U, R.R. Milepost 27.95) is a two lane rural gravel road which crosses the BNSF tracks, approximately 30 miles south of Ash Fork. Yavapai County is the road authority at this crossing. Currently, there are passive devices (crossbucks) at the crossing. The proposed upgrades are for 12 inch LED flashing lights, automatic gates and bells. The proposed upgrades will offer considerably more protection for the motoring public. The estimated cost for this project is \$225,000.00.

#### **Tripp Canyon Road**

Tripp Canyon Road (742-266H, R.R. Milepost 1146.90) is a two lane asphalt road which crosses the Arizona Eastern Railway in the Town of Pima. The City of Pima is the road authority at this crossing. Currently, there are passive devices (crossbucks) at the crossing. The proposed upgrades are for 12 inch LED flashing lights, automatic gates, bells and a new timber surface. The proposed upgrades will offer considerably more protection for the motoring public. The estimated cost for this project is \$275,000.00.

### Chandler Blvd.

Chandler Blvd. (741-671U, R.R. Milepost 929.08) is a six lane east-west arterial roadway which crosses the Union Pacific's tracks in the City of Chandler. This rail line is part of the Tempe Industrial Lead. The City of Chandler is the road authority at the crossing. Currently, there are curb-side and median automatic gates with flashing lights, bells and cantilevers with flashing lights.

The proposed upgrades for cantilevers and 12 inch LED flashing lights are a result of deficient flashing light coverage for all 6 lanes of traffic. Due to the roadway speed (posted 45 mph) the proposed longer cantilevers will offer increased visibility of the warning devices as motorists approach the crossing. The proposed cantilevers will be placed at the curb-side which will provide maximum lane coverage. The estimated cost for this project is \$350,000.00.

















